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**U.S. CHARGES AREA MAN WITH ALLEGEDLY PROVIDING EXPLOSIVE  
MATERIALS USED IN 2003 PIPE-BOMBING AT ILLINOIS BUSINESS**

CHICAGO – A Merrillville, Ind., man was charged today in Federal Court with allegedly providing explosive materials that were used in a pipe bomb that damaged a Berwyn video and vending machine business in 2003, federal authorities announced. A criminal complaint was filed against the defendant, **Kyle C. Knight**, charging him with illegally transferring explosive materials to another individual, knowing that the materials would be used to commit a violent crime, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Andrew L. Traver, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Knight, 43, whose last known residence was in Merrillville, is in federal custody and was expected to appear at 2 p.m. today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

According to the complaint, a pipe bomb was detonated on Feb. 25, 2003, outside a building at 6508 West 16<sup>th</sup> St., in Berwyn, that housed several businesses, including C & S Coin Operated Amusements, which at the time leased coin-operated vending and video machines. The explosion

outside the storefront entrance to C & S caused broken windows and damage to the interior ceiling and wood frame above the doorway to the business. No one was injured in the explosion, which occurred at night.

According to the affidavit of an ATF agent, a confidential witness (CW-1) who worked at a pawn shop in Chicago for a person identified as "Individual A," provided information that just before Christmas in 2002, Knight was at the pawn shop and gave Individual A a package containing black powder and a long green fuse. CW-1 also said that in or around the the summer of 2004, while CW-1 was at Individual A's house, Individual A wanted to know if CW-1 could contact Knight. Individual A indicated that he had something for Knight to do and that Knight could make some money. CW-1 asked Individual A if he needed Knight for something like what happened at C & S, and Individual A indicated that he did and that Knight was good.

CW-1 recorded a conversation with Knight in April 2005 in which they allegedly discussed various explosives, including TNT, C4, RDX and the velocity of detonation of certain explosives. Knight allegedly told CW-1 that he had provided Individual A with one pound of explosives for the purpose of manufacturing what he believed was a pipe bomb. Knight allegedly explained that he was to receive \$300 for the explosives but that he refused to take the money. Knight also said that he provided Individual A with 15 minutes worth of fuse, the complaint alleges.

In late April 2005, agents executed a search warrant at Knight's residence at 2007 East 89<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Merrillville, and allegedly found quantities of potassium perchlorate, and the presence of combustion products of perchlorate at the C & S bombing site are consistent with an explosive that was made using potassium perchlorate, according to the ATF affidavit.

Also found during the search of Knight's residence were ammonium nitrate, green and red fuses and a variety of books, including "The Advanced Anarchist Arsenal: Recipes for Improvised

Incendiaries and Explosives,” “Dragnar’s Homemade Detonators: How to Make ‘Em, How to Salvage ‘Em, How to Detonate ‘Em,” “Disruptive Terrorism,” “FMX, The Revised Black Book: A Guide to Field Manufactured Explosives,” “Black Book Volume 1: Improvised Munitions,” “Black Book Volume 2: Improvised Munitions,” and “Black Book Companion: State-of-the-Art Improvised Munitions.”

Federal law enforcement officials said the investigation is continuing. The Berwyn Police Department assisted in the investigation. The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet S. Bhachu.

If convicted, transferring explosive materials carries a mandatory sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The Court would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed.

The public is reminded that a complaint contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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